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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONTRACTORS FOR STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL
DISASTER RESPONSE: THE SAHELIAN EXPERIENCE

1. DEPARTMENT UNDER EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROGRAM HAS CONTRACTED WITH UNIVERSITY OF DENVER FOR COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RESPONSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE SAHEL DROUGHT. DENVER RESEARCHERS BARBARA BROWN AND JANET C. TUTHILL WILL VISIT PARIS SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH 25. THEY HOPE TO SEE DEP US REP WARVARIV AND UNESCO OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGABLE SAHEL PROBLEM. US REP JONES' INSIGHTS WOULD BE VALUED IF HE IS AVAILABLE. REQUEST INTERVIEWS BE ARRANGED WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS. BROWN AND TUTHILL WILL CONTACT US PER REP'S OFFICE ON ARRIVAL.

2. STUDY FOCUSES ON DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS ANALYSIS OF THE COMPONENTS OF RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER. RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ARE BEING STUDIED IN ADDITION
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TO DIRECT RELIEF EFFORTS SINCE THESE PROGRAMS FORM AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF TOTAL RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER.

3. DEPARTMENT AND AID HAVE STRONG INTEREST IN SUCCESS

OF PROJECT. AID IS HELPING FUND STUDY IN HOPE ITS RESULTS CAN ASSIST IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE DONOR COORDINATION IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES STUDY CAN PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS ON THE OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. PROJECT HAS BEEN COORDINATED IN WASHINGTON TO AVOID DUPLICATION WITH OTHER SAHEL STUDIES.

4. BROWN AND TUTHILL ALREADY HAVE CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND WILL VISIT LONDON BEFORE PARIS. BROWN IS STUDYING THE ACTIVITIES OF UN AGENCIES (UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, WMO, FAO, WFP, IBRD-IDA) AS WELL AS THE UN SPECIAL SAHELIAN OFFICE, OSRO, AND THE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR. THESE INTERVIEWS WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY MEETINGS WITH REGIONAL AND FIELD STAFFS IN SENEGAL, MALI, UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER.

5. TUTHILL IS EXAMINING THE WORK OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES LOCATED IN THE US, UK, PARIS, GENEVA AND ROME AND WILL ALSO INTERVIEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES. A MAIL SURVEY OF VOLUNTARY GROUPS WHICH CANNOT BE INTERVIEWED ALSO IS BEING CONDUCTED.

6. BROWN AND TUTHILL ARE ABLE GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE WORKING UNDER SUPERVISION OF SENIOR DENVER FACULTY. BOTH SPEAK FRENCH AND WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEWS IN THE LANGUAGE. NO SPECIAL COURTESIES ARE NECESSARY AND BOTH ARE MAKING OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. ROBINSON

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